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CONGRESS APPROVES FUNDING FOR NORTH DAKOTA MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) --- The U.S. Senate and House passed \$31.4 million in funding for military construction projects in North Dakota late this week. U.S. Senators Byron Dorgan and Kent Conrad and Congressman Earl Pomeroy said the funding includes important new military initiatives in the state.

“Congress gave a vote of confidence today, for the important work accomplished by the men and women on our military bases in North Dakota,” the delegation said in a joint statement. “With this funding the bases and missions in North Dakota will continue their role as a vital part of our national security, and important new improvements will be added.”

Following is a list of funding for new military initiatives in North Dakota:

- ! **Family housing at Minot Air Force Base :** \$19.1 million to construct new family housing at Minot Air Force Base.
- ! **Family housing at Cavalier Air Force Station:**\$868,000 to construct and improve family housing at Cavalier Air Force Station.
- ! **Wahpeton Armed Forces Reserve Center:** \$10.96 million to construct a new Armory for Company B of the 142nd Engineer Battalion, which is now serving in Kosovo. The existing facility -- which is nearly 50 years old -- is in poor condition and too small to meet current needs, much less what will be required in the future now that a new Marine Corps Reserve is due to be assigned to it.
- ! **Arm/Disarm Pads at Hector Airport in Fargo:** \$900,000 to build pads the 119th Fighter Wing will use to arm and disarm its F-16 fighters.
- ! **Operation Walking Shield:** \$300,000 for the "Operation Walking Shield" program which will move excess houses from military bases to Indian reservations with serious housing shortages. Some reservations in North Dakota are among those to receive the homes.

The military construction bill now moves to the President for signature.

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